

BRANGELINA WEDDING 'SOON'







Ottawa drivers among worst in Ontario

woman for Allstate, said there

is a trend for more collisions in

higher population centres. But McWatt said that even when

comparing Ottawa to similar population centres like Missis-

sauga (5.81, albeit with 200,000

fewer people), there could be other factors at play. "Similar size, similar issues

Dangerous roads.

Good thing you're reading this on the bus

Ottawa drivers ranked 42nd among 46 Ontario municipalities when it comes to crashing into other drivers.

Ottawa had the fifth-worst record for collisions among Allstate customers in a new safety survey commissioned by the insurance company — with 6.1 collision claims per 100 cars.
Only Toronto (6.12), Maple

(6.14), Milton (6.32) and Brampton (6.45) had higher rates. The survey looked at claims between 2010 and 2012.

Lisa McWatt, a spokes-

politicians

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Canada's elected officials PAGE 6

yes, commuting is a challenge, and we get that. But when you break it down, the commuter has options when they're driving off things that they can control," McWatt said Tuesday. "So, like not following too

close, that's a huge one. Not weaving in and out of traffic, giving yourself enough time, not yelling at your kid in the back seat.

Story's got a lot of heart

U of O Heart Institute has its 500th transplant PAGE 4

McWatt said the survey found the weather had less of an effect on collisions than people generally think. "There's higher death

rates, as an example, in clearer weather. So the (information) that we're finding is drivers will drive faster in clearer weather, maybe take chances in clear weather," McWatt said.

"We're trying to get people away from looking at the outside conditions ... to what people can control."

Ottawa actually fared slightly worse in the 2010-2012 survey than in the 2008-2010

Collision claims increased 3.95 per cent in the new survey compared to the old one.

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The end of the year is the best time to pick one up PAGE 32



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Gifts of whisky from developers?

A former Ottawa city councillor alleges developers give gifts of whisky to councillors on the city's planning committee — a claim the committee's chair disputes.

In an interview with CBC Tuesday morning, Alex Cullen said that when he was a councillor he refused bottles of liquor offered to him as Christmas gifts from developers because he didn't think it appropriate.

"Certainly, you see votes being traded. Is that illegal? It's been there forever and a day," Cullen told CBC when asked about ethics at Ottawa City Hall.

"But getting bottles of whisky as Christmas gifts when you're on planning committee from developers? I refused them because I thought that was prima facie trying to win favour. But it's still a practice that goes on at city hall."

Planning committee chair Coun. Peter Hume said councillors might receive the odd cheese basket or donation to the United Way in lieu of a gift, but he's never heard of councillors receiving booze.

"I don't know anybody, except Alex apparently, who has gotten a bottle of whisky," said Hume, adding even small gifts are rare.

Ottawa does not yet have rules about gifts to councillors. Hume said councillors employ common sense. He said the political price for getting caught with unacceptable gifts is higher than a midrange bottle of scotch.

range bottle of scotch.

Cullen's statements
were made in a discussion about the ethics of
municipal politicians after
high-profile scandals,
including Toronto's mayor,
Rob Ford, London's mayor,
Joe Fontana, Montreal's
Gérald Tremblay and Laval's
Gilles Vaillancourt.

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Son charged with mother's murder

First degree. Alleged arson death prompts city's sixth homicide investigation of 2012



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Ottawa police have accused a 30-year-old Ottawa man of murdering his own mother after the woman died in a fire in the bedroom of her west-end apartment at 90 Woodridge Cr. early Tuesday morning.

Police charged Rene Goudreau with first-degree murder.

Police said they wouldn't reveal the name of the alleged victim pending notification of next of kin. Sources indicate the woman was Goudreau's mother, Lucie, 53.

In a late-evening remand hearing, Goudreau appeared in court wearing ripped clothing that exposed his torso as he stood in the prisoner's box.

He was incoherent and appeared to exhibit signs of

Tab

\$20,000

Damage to the apartment was estimated at \$20,000.

a mental illness.

He was remanded into custody and will return to court Wednesday to be assessed by a doctor.

Ottawa Fire Services said crews responded to the twoalarm fire in the first-floor apartment just after 2:30

Fire services spokesman Marc Messier said the fire was under control by about 2:58 a.m.

He said the victim is believed to have lived alone, but was frequently visited by her son.

He said the fire was con-

He said the fire was contained to the woman's bedroom.

Paramedics said they attended the scene, but were refused entry by police.

Damage to the apartment was estimated at \$20,000.

Clarification

A photo caption in Tuesday's edition of Metro Ottawa for the Government of Canada Charitable Workplace Campaign should have indicated local public servants raised more than \$21 million for three distinct charities, including Healthpartners (a collaboration of 16 health charities), Centraide Outaouis and the United Way of Ottawa.



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Workforce attitudes. Gen X workers don't trust their bosses, study finds

Not feeling the same passion at work as you once did? Your boss may be to blame, says a new study that shows government workers and Gen X employees have lost trust and faith in upper management.

"I was shocked by (only) 39 per cent of the Canadian workforce trusting what their leaders say," said John Wright, president and managing director of Canadian Management Centre (CMC), of the study by Ipsos Reid.

While job satisfaction in the public sector is high at 73 per cent, confidence in senior leaders sits at around 35 per cent, the study found.

"I think it's a great wakeup call for government leaders to understand the level of engagement is dropping. They can expect lower productivity as the next shoe to drop."

Employees who are engaged put in the extra effort and innovations that help firms succeed, Wright said, urging managers to rebuild via communication and goal setting. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

- Public sector. Public-sector job satisfaction is quite high: Education at 82%, public administration/ government at 73% and health & social work at 72%, compared to the retail sector at 58%
- **Leadership.** Confidence in senior leadership is lower in public administration/ government at 35%, compared to financial services at 52% and high tech/ telecom at 55%
- Communication, Senior leaders in the financialservices industry are doing a better job of communicating what is happening at 53% compared to public administration/government at 37%.
- Engagement. 50% of employees are only moderately engaged; 23% are not engaged.

INSTITUT DE CARDIO DE L'UNIVERSITÉ D son poses on Tuesday with her cardiologist, Dr. Haissam Haddad, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute's

Heart recipients help mark 500th transplant

U of O Heart Institute.

Institute's founder, who performed the first 25 heart transplants, also on hand to mark milestone



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hit me and I thought, 'Oh my

group's position, but she said she's concerned the bill will It took Linda Stevenson more be watered down as a comthan three years to finally come to terms with the fact cially conservative MPs so that

"(They're) normal people living normal lives and I'm sure they're all very grateful." Linda Stevenson, 67-year-old Ottawa resident and heart transplant recipient

God. How lucky can I be?" said Stevenson.

Transplant survivor

The 67-year-old Ottawa resident was one of more than a dozen heart-transplant recipients who returned to the University of Ottawa Heart Institute Tuesday to help the leading research centre mark its 500th transplant.

Six years ago Stevenson suffered from swollen legs and severe breathing problems before she was

nosed with idiopathic cardiomyopathy — a weakening of the heart muscle. She said her heart was so enlarged that her lungs filled with fluid.

She had no choice but to put her name on a donor list. When she got a call about a heart at 5 a.m. one morning just two weeks later, though, she was terrified.

"I just went in shock," she recalled. "I wanted to pack my bags and run for the hills.

I thought it might be my last day on Earth. What if something went wrong?'

Yet in the hours that followed, what unfolded was what her doctors described to her as a textbook case of a successful heart transplant. She lives a normal life now and just came from the gym before Tuesday's event. She said she wanted to

attend the event to acknowledge the success rate of the work that is being done at the Institute, and see the recipients who went through the same experience as she

(They're) normal people living normal lives and I'm sure they're all very grateful," she said.



Cassivi, president of Gender

support group for transgender people said it was never given they could to represent her the same chance. The House of Commons standing committee on justice promise to the wishes of soand human rights is currently reviewing Bill C-279 and was scheduled to hear from REAL only gender identity, and not Women of Canada Tuesday. gender expression, will be in-"We did what we could to try to be invited," said Sophia

C-279. Trans-rights group claims it wasn't allowed to

testify in bill review

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that she was living with someone else's heart inside of her. "One day it just kind of

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Survey. Ranking politicians with a click of a mouse

On a scale of one to 10, how interested are you in rating politicians on a scale of one to 10?

RateMyGovernment.ca hopes you answered 10. The new website allows users to rank politicians' performance from Prime Minister Stephen Harper to the mayor of Canada's smallest city (Greenwood, B.C., as it happens).

"For a long time now, there's been a great deal of disengagement in Canadian politics, and I wanted to give Canadians a fun way to learn about their government," site founder Ryan Klamot said on Tuesday.

As with any online survey, however, there are challenges. Klamot said the site has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to baseless partisan attacks or libellous comments.

"We don't to become a ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

Non-partisa

Klamot, who was once involved with the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, said party allegiance or membership won't be a barrier to the website

 In fact, the site has "party lounges" where like-minded raters can discuss and debate among themselves.

forum like that," Klamot said.

But he, himself, isn't shying away from what he describes as "spicy" debates and discussions. One of his six reviews lambasted outgoing Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, rating him at the bottom of the spectrum.

Grow ops. Provincial registry needed for home buyers: Ontario realtors

Home buyers want to know if the cute little bungalow they're about to drop their life savings on used to be a grow-op. Yet that information is hard to come by, prompting some realtors to demand a province-wide drug-lab registry.

"I came close to selling one," said Pat Verge, an Ottawa realtor for Royal LePage, of a home that was formerly a grow-op. "I had a feeling about the house. When I called the police I had to dig for a report. That's why I got involved in this situation. It isn't just in Ottawa where people are unknowingly purchasing former grow-ops and clandestine laboratories — its right across Ontario."

The homes have proved a nuisance to owners since drug dealers often rewire the electricity to conceal their power use. Some former grow-ops



can cost upwards of \$150,000 to fix. The buildings are also major health hazards because the moisture used to feed pot plans can enable mould to grow behind walls, and, in the case of meth labs, because of the presence of toxic chemicals.

The list does already exist, but for a price. "A lot of home buyers were looking for a solution to this," said Alex Morin, CEO of website iVerify, which calls his site the "first national grow-op registry in the country." GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO



Zany characters, slapstick show hilarity of famous bus

Theatre. Six actors play 60 riders in tale of the ride from ramshackle to rich



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Vancouver's No. 14 bus, which travels along the Broadway thoroughfare, passing en route the derelict Downtown Eastside as well as affluent mansions, will make a stop this week to let off a

host of slapstick characters at Ottawa's GCTC stage. "It has been hilarious to

"It has been hilarious to research what the previous actors have done," said Scott Walters, who is tackling The Number 14, a 20-year-old play, for the first time. "You'll laugh your shirt off. Bring extra clothes. There's all kinds of different comedy in this."

A series of short vignettes, the play has each of its six actors playing some of the 60 larger-than-life characters that grace the boards during every performance, said stage manager Sarah Wallin.

"It's a day in the life of the

Companion exhibit

A video and still-photo installation about the daily commute on OC Transpo is being shown as a companion exhibit to the play.

 Videographer Chris Brown and visual artist Stuart Kinmond put together the [IN] TRANSIT show at the Fritzi Gallery that accompanies GCTC's The Number 14.

 The exhibit includes a video shot on board an OC Transpo bus by Brown and stills arranged in a threedimensional installation by Kinmond.

bus. Anyone can come and find something funny in it."

The Number 14 brings its zany characters to Ottawa

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Young fan's green jersey made school vice-principal see red

Grey Cup mix-up. It was a pep rally for the Stampeders' big date, but 13-year-old student turned up in a Roughriders jersey



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It all started with a Saskatchewan Roughriders jersey.

It ended with Calgary's Catholic school district apologizing to one of its students and her parents.

Because the student, Alesandra Behr, was temporarily withheld from a Grey Cup pep rally for wearing that

Roughriders jersey.

Behr, 13, said the viceprincipal at her school in the
city's northwest initially told

"She should be allowed to express herself freely."

Alesandra's father, Jason Behr

her she would be barred from the festivities last Friday unless she changed.

"I thought it was really stupid," Behr said.
She estimated she spent

45 minutes in the principal's office before the whole affair

was sorted out.
"I don't feel like it's right, what they did.... They say stand up for what you believe in, and when they tell you that's not right, you feel like you have done something wrong," Behr said.

After learning what had happened, the school's principal intervened "immediately" and Behr was allowed to participate for the entire duration of the pep rally, said Catholic school spokesperson Janet Corsten.

"It was a temporary, misguided judgment on the part of the staff member at the school," Corsten said.

"It was corrected immediately by the principal.... Most importantly, all students were able to fully participate in the rally.'

Behr said she did miss preparations for the event, which was attended by a local television-news crew, including the choreographing

Alesandra Behr says she was born and bred a Saskatchewan Roughriders fan.

- Oh, Dad! Her father, Jason, has held Calgary Stampeders season tickets for 13 years.
- Hush! Alesandra's parents asked that the name of her school and its vice-principal be withheld as they wanted to avoid personal attacks.

of a pro-Calgary Stampeders dance routine.

Behr's parents were quick to commend the school for resolving the matter and apologizing.

But her father, Jason, maintains the misunder-standing should never have occurred in the first place.

"She wasn't violating the dress code or anything," he

Behr, meanwhile, said she has given no thought to trading in her green-and-white Riders garb for the Stamped-ers' red.



andra Behr says she was born and bred a Saskatchewan Roughriders fan $oldsymbol{-}$ and here she wears the reen jersey with pride. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Twitter must address privacy fears, MP says

Tweet this, Twitter fans.

NDP MP Charlie Angus says Canadians need to know more about how the social-media giant protects their privacy.

Angus publicly quit using

the microblogging site earlier this year, likening it to being badgered by a drunk on a 24-hour bus ride.

But he says a House of Commons study on privacy and social media requires the company's input.

A Commons committee decided last May to study the steps being taken by social-media companies to protect the personal information of Canadians.

It followed high-profile interventions by Canada's privacy commissioner on the use of personal data by sites like Google and Face-

Both companies have appeared before the committee, but NDP MP Charmaine Borg says Twitter refused.

The company couldn't be reached for comment.

The committee has now agreed to send a formal let-



ter asking Twitter to testify.

Angus said Google and Facebook have supported the study, but the committee needs to go further.

We're not going to have a full sense unless we have the main players," said An-gus. "We need Twitter." The motion to formally

call Twitter to testify came after a representative from Facebook took committee members through that com-

pany's privacy policies. Facebook's relationship

with Canada's privacy commissioner, Jennifer Stoddart, is robust, said Robert Sherman, manager of privacy and public policy for the social-media giant.
"We found that we have

had a very positive relation-ship with her office and have been able to discuss many of the issues and products that we've been (introducing) with her office and get their feedback," Sherman said.

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Murder charges. 'Deep down I had a feeling,' says mother of victim

Kathleen McCartney didn't want to believe it could be

But the mother of murder victim Christina Cline, originally from London, Ont., says when she learned Saturday night her daughter's ex-fiancé and father of her three children was being charged in her killing, it didn't come as a surprise.

"I didn't want to believe it, but deep down I had a feeling," Cline told Metro by phone from her London

Dustin Brian Hales and his wife, Victoria Ann Weir-Hales, are each charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Cline.

Her body was found by a man walking in Halifax's Shubie Park on Nov. 19, 2011.

Hales and Cline were together for about 10 years, and had three children, now aged eight, nine and 10.

Cline met Hales while she lived in London and Mc-Cartney says the two moved to Halifax when she was

McCartney said Cline was



looking to move back to London and wanted to bring her three kids with her.

Hales, she said, wasn't happy about the idea, and a court order was issued preventing Cline from taking the kids outside Nova Scotia.

Hales and his wife were first arrested last year and questioned but later released.

"We didn't have the evidence, but now we do," said Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Const. Pierre Bourdages. "It's a complex investigation."

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Sperm-donor case

Her dad's identity stays hidden

The B.C. Court of Appeal has thrown out an earlier decision that sided with a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm-donor father.

Olivia Pratten wanted offspring like herself to be treated the same as

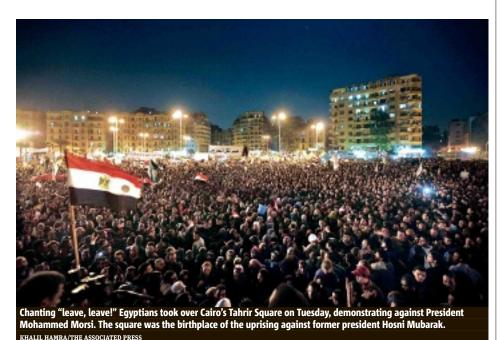
people who are adopted.
But the court ruled there is no legal right for offspring to know their past and providing such information would amount to state intrusion into many people's lives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two women died

Elliot Lake probe gets secrecy plea

The owners of a mall that collapsed in Elliot Lake, Ont., killing two women, are asking a public inquiry to keep some of their documents secret.

A similar request has come from an engineering association related to disciplinary measures taken against two engineers. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Protesters decry Morsi's power grab

They're back. Arab Spring slogans heard again in Egypt after president grants himself more power

More than 200,000 people packed Cairo's central Tahrir square on Tuesday, chanting against Egypt's Islamist president in a powerful show of strength demanding Mohammed Morsi revoke edicts granting himself near autocratic powers.

With the mass protests in Tahrir square and in several other cities — comparable in

Morsi 'won't back down'

"We are not rescinding the declaration."

Gehad el-Haddad, adviser to the Brotherhood and its political party. He said the opposition was "very divided" and Morsi would not back down. size to those during last year's uprising that overthrew Hosni Mubarak — opposition to the decrees issued last week turned into a broader outpouring of anger against the rule of Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood.

Waving Egypt's red, white and black flags, crowds of protesters marched across Cairo to stream into the iconic central plaza, birthplace of the anti-Mubarak uprising. By the evening, it was thronging with a massive crowd. Clashes broke out in several cities as Morsi opponents tried to attack offices of the Brotherhood, setting fire to at least one.

Ringing out at Tahrir was the central chant of the Arab Spring revolts: "The people want to bring down the regime," and "erhal, erhal" — Arabic for "leave, leave."

"Suddenly Morsi is issuing laws and becoming the absolute ruler, holding all powers in his hands," said protester Mona Sadek, a 31-year-old

'Revolution hijacked

Protest organizers on a stage in the square called for another mass rally on Friday.

- If the Brotherhood responds with mass rallies of its own it would raise the prospect of greater violence after a series of clashes in recent days.
- Raafat Magdi, an engineer, said, "The Brotherhood hijacked the revolution."

engineering graduate who wears the Islamic veil, a hall-mark of piety. "Our revolt against the decrees became a protest against the Brother-hood as well," she said. Morsi's edicts effectively neutralize the judiciary, the only branch of government in a position to balance Morsi.

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UN. France plans to say 'oui' to resolution on Palestinian statehood

France announced Tuesday that it plans to vote in favour of recognizing a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly this week.

With the announcement, France becomes the first major European country to come out in favour, dealing a setback to Israel. The timing of the announcement appears aimed at swaying other European nations.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told parliament that France has long supported Palestinian ambitions for statehood and "will respond

Ceasefire

Israel seeks to lift workers ban

Israel's envoy to the Philippines Ambassador Menashe Bar-on said Tuesday that he will ask the government to lift a ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Israel following the end of heavy fighting between Israeli and Hamas forces. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Proceed with caution

"It's only through negotiations ... that we will be able to reach the realization of a Palestinian state."

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius

'yes'" when the issue comes up for a vote "out of a concern for coherency."

The Palestinians say the assembly is likely to vote Thursday. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hungary

Racist remarks condemned

Lawmakers wore yellow stars and hundreds of protesters rallied on Tuesday to condemn a far-right politician who called for the screening of Jews for national security risks, part of a wave of racist comments from the Jobbik party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arafat's political heirs open his grave for new probe



A Palestinian woman walks past a mural of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza City. ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

8 years later.

Samples taken to test for evidence the late Palestinian leader was poisoned

Eight years after Yasser Arafat's mysterious death, his political heirs opened his grave Tuesday and let forensics experts take samples from his remains, defying strong cultural taboos in search of evidence that the icon of Palestinian nationalism was poisoned.

Polonium-210

The radioactive substance was found on Arafat's clothing this past summer.

 Inconclusive. Polonium disintegrates rapidly, and experts have cautioned that too much time may have passed since Arafat's death to reach a definitive result. Palestinians have claimed for years that Israel poisoned Arafat, who died in a French hospital. Israel has denied the charges.

The exhumation marked the end of months of procedural wrangling but only the beginning of the testing. Palestinian officials said it would take at least three months to get results, and even then, they might not be conclusive.

Workers opened Arafat's tomb before daybreak Tuesday, laying bare the remains some four meters below ground level, the Palestinian health minister said. A Palestinian forensics examiner took some 20 samples and handed them to Swiss, French and Russian experts, officials said.

Sheets of blue tarpaulin draped over the mausoleum hid the scene from view, part of an attempt by Palestinian officials to minimize any potential backlash against digging up the grave of Arafat, still widely revered in the Palestinian territories. By mid-morning, the grave was rescaled. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





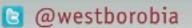
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Sexiest man? Chinese paper falls for spoof

The online version of China's Communist Party newspaper has hailed a report by The Onion naming North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un as the "Sexiest Man Alive" — not realizing it is satire.

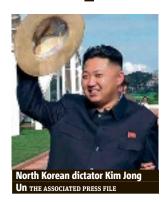
The People's Daily ran a 55-page photo spread on its website in a tribute to the round-faced leader, under the headline "North Korea's top leader named The Onion's Sexiest Man Alive for 2012."

Quoting The Onion's spoof

report, the Chinese newspaper wrote, "With his devastatingly handsome, round face, his boyish charm, and his strong, sturdy frame, this Pyongyang-bred heartthrob is every woman's dream come

"Blessed with an air of power that masks an unmistakable cute, cuddly side, Kim made this newspaper's editorial board swoon with his impeccable fashion sense, chic short hairstyle, and, of course, that famous smile," the People's Daily cited The Onion as saying.

In 2002, the Beijing Evening News, one of the capital city's biggest tabloids at the time, published as news the fictional account that the U.S. Congress wanted a new building and that it might leave Washington. The Onion article was a spoof of the way sports teams threaten to leave cities in order to get new stadiums. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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Bangladesh workers struggle to air complaints

Deadly factory blaze. Fleeing workers found main exit locked and no emergency exit; survivor said managers told workers to get back to work after fire alarm went off

Clothing is king in Bangladesh, which exports more garments than any other in the world except China. It is responsible for four out of every five export dollars and has turned factory owners into members of parliament and leaders of sports clubs.

However, workers in those factories complain about poor working conditions and pay that can be less than \$40 a month. An agency called the Industrial Police is specifically assigned to deal with unrest in factories, and labour activists accuse government forces of killing one of their leaders. Employees are barred by law from forming trade unions, even though Bangladesh allows workers in other industries to unionize.

Just business?

- Wal-Mart says it decided to stop doing business with Tazreen after an audit deemed the factory "high risk" last year, but a supplier subcontracted work to the factory anyway. The retail giant said it stopped working with that supplier on Monday.
- In September, Karl-Johan Persson, chief executive of Swedish retail chain H&M, visited Bangladesh and said his 2,600-store group would increase its business relationship with the country.

Workers hope that could change following the fire Saturday that killed 112 people at the Tazreen Fashions factory that made T-shirts and polo shirts for Walmart and other retailers.

In an interview Tuesday, the managing director of Tazreen Fashions expressed concern — about possibly losing foreign buyers. But there was no mention in the article of concern for victims or their families. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Former residents of N.S. orphanage fight for inquiry

Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

Petition with more than 1,000 signatures calls for immediate public look at abuse allegations

Former residents of a Halifax orphanage took their fight for a public inquiry into long-standing allegations of abuse to the provincial legislature Tuesday, where they presented a petition in support of their cause.

About 50 former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children delivered the document containing more than 1,000 signatures calling for immediate government ac-

Tracey Dorrington-Skinner, a spokeswoman for the group, said the government needs to know that the former residents believe an inquiry is essential in order for them to heal and get justice. "We're not prepared to back down," she said. "At the end of the day, we will get justice one way or the other.

Physical- and sexual-abuse

More than 100 people are now part of the class-action suit, which was filed earlier this year against the home and the provincial government. The majority of the claims are decades old.

allegations against staff at the home, which is now a shortterm residential facility for children of all races, first came to light more than a decade ago. But no charges have been laid. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Keeping calm and carrying on

A woman carries her dog as she makes her way through flood waters in St. Asaph, North Wales, Tuesday, after the town flooded overnight. Thousands of drivers and residents face further chaos today after heavy rain continued to fall across Britain. DAVE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico

Judge orders return of 3 U.S.born children to their deported Mexican father

A North Carolina judge has ordered three U.S.-born children to be reunited with their deported Mexican father

Social-services officials

had sought to terminate the parental rights of Felipe Montes, who crossed the border illegally in 2003 to work on Christmas-tree farms near the mountain town of Sparta. Montes later married a U.S. citizen and the couple had three sons.

Tuesday's ruling potentially clears the way for the children to live with their father in El Encino, a small village in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Halifax

Man acquitted of voyeurism charges

A man accused of watching women while they slept was found guilty Tuesday of one count of break-and-enter, but acquitted of several charges of voyeurism in a case that caused alarm in Halifax.

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The Brick to pay \$2 million to settle class-action lawsuit

Montreal. Consumerrights group launched case over ad claims

The Brick Ltd. has agreed to pay \$2 million to settle a classaction lawsuit filed three years ago over claims the retailer's advertising erroneously sug-gested that customers pay no additional costs if they purchase goods on credit.

The Quebec Superior Court approved the settlement Tuesday in a suit launched by Option consommateurs, a Quebec

consumer-rights group.

The Brick's "Do not pay for 15 months" program in fact required a \$35 annual membership fee.

The furniture chain has agreed to reimburse customers who used this program before May 1, 2010. Customers who made purchases before May 1, 2009, will receive funds dir-



mer walks past a sign for The Brick furniture store in Tor

ectly by mail in January. Other qualified customers must first complete a form on the website brickrecourscollectif.com as of the new year.

The Edmonton-based company earned \$18.7 million in profits in its latest quarter on \$368.5 million of revenues. It operates 162 corporate stores, down from 173 a year ago.

Toronto-based Leon's Furniture Ltd. announced earlier this month that it would purchase The Brick for \$700 million.

Leon's said the deal would enhance the competitiveness of both chains in an increasingly gritty retail environment even though both banners will continue to fly separately. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suing Facebook. 'I appreciate the fear for his own safety'

A New York man claiming part ownership of Facebook indicated Tuesday that his lawver wants off the case because he's received threats, but he opposed the lawyer's motion to withdraw.

"I appreciate the fear for his own safety that he has and the threats that have been made against him," Paul Ceglia of Wellsville said during a tele-phone conference to consider Ohio attorney Dean Boland's request to leave the case.

"Worse has happened to me," he said. He didn't elabor-

But Ceglia said it would be hard to find another attorney for his two-year-old lawsuit, especially since his arrest last month on criminal charges accusing him of doctoring and destroying evidence to support his Facebook claim. He's pleaded not guilty.

On Tuesday, Facebook attorney Orin Snyder asked that Boland's reasons be made public to determine whether "they might be overblown, exaggerated or worse."

The judge gave Boland until Dec. 4 to respond and said he'd rule on the request after that.

At least a half dozen lawvers or law firms have withdrawn as Ceglia's attorney before Boland. Their reasons have not been disclosed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OECD

Economy gets passing grade

Canada's economic expansion is continuing, but governments should be prepared to respond to possible foreign and domestic shocks that could send the recovery off track, a leading global organization warns.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development gives mostly a passing grade to Canada's economy in a new outlook, but notes growth has been soft in the second half of 2012 and will remain so until mid-2013.

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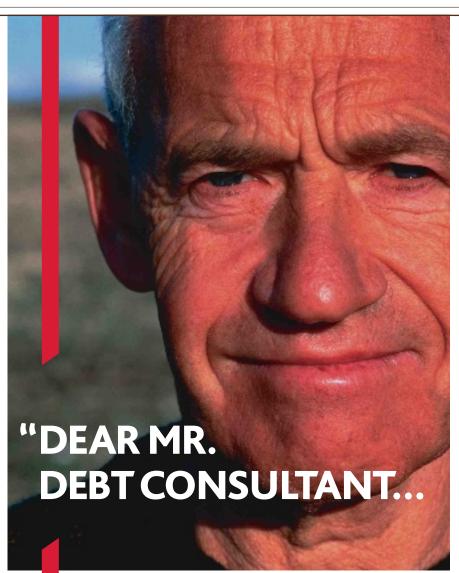
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Google campaigns against levy

Google is launching a new campaign in Germany to protest against possible copyright restrictions being discussed in the country's Parliament. The campaign opposes plans for a so-called Google Tax, a levy being pushed by publishers that would make search engines pay for linking to content like newspaper articles or pictures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Attorney Dean Boland is shown at his office in Cleveland in this file photo. Boland is the most recent lawyer to seek permission to withdraw as attorney to Paul Ceglia, a New York man in a multibillion-dollar lawsuit



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Auto industry

Feds usher in new emission rules

On the eve of global climate talks that will put Canada's conten-tious policies under the microscope, Ottawa has introduced its next set of rules to cut greenhousegas emissions from cars and light trucks.

Under regulations proposed Tuesday, vehicles built between 2017 and 2025 must cut emissions by an average of five per cent a year, every year. Environment Minister Peter Kent said that should cut annual gas costs by about \$900 per auto. The canadian press

Business jets

Bombardier nets plane order worth up to \$7.8B

Bombardier has made the biggest sale of business aircraft in its history with a deal to provide up to 142 Global aircraft to private European luxury charter company VistaJet in a transaction potentially worth up to \$7.8 billion UŠ.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parking spots are Hong Kong's newest investment craze

Speculation. This past weekend, buyers paid up to \$167K per space

Investors looking for new places to park their cash in Hong Kong are driving up prices for parking spaces, sparking fears of a bubble in the Asian financial centre.

Prices for parking spots in Hong Kong are nearing historic highs, the side effect of government curbs to cool the housing market amid worries of overheating following the latest round of monetary stimulus in

the U.S. last month.

There are "a lot of speculators in the market, especially for car parks," said Buggle Lau, senior analyst with Midland Realty. A bubble is "definitely

Over the weekend, a developer sold about 500 parking spots at a new suburban apartment complex at prices of up to about \$167,000 per space.

In a commercial building near the city's financial district on Hong Kong Island, an investor has put 34 parking spaces on sale for about \$12.9 million, according to a report last week in the Ming Pao newspaper.



Gift cards. Swap site will trade unwanted plastic

If the idea of regifting never held much appeal for you, take heart: There are dedicated sites that make it easier to part ways with unwanted gift cards.

This holiday season, if you find yourself in possession of a card designated for a restaurant or retailer you don't like or frequent, you can trade it in for a card you do want.

Frances Ho, co-founder and COO of Canadian website CardSwap, said she had an epiphany around four years ago when she found herself with a wallet full of gift cards for specific stores where she couldn't find anything she really wanted to purchase. She sought to pinpoint an easier way to exchange the gift cards for cash or for other cards she'd be more inclined

This Christmas will mark the fourth in operation for CardSwap. Users selling cards have the choice of accepting points which are used to swap for other gift cards, receiving a cheque or being paid through PayPal, said Ho. Individuals can also convert unused gift cards for charitable donations, with CardSwap issuing payment for up



"Sometimes. when you receive a gift card, it just may

not be the right place for you and so you just want to swap it out for your favourite store or your favourite restaurant."

Frances Ho. co-founder and COO of the **Canadian website CardSwap,** now in its fourth year of operation.

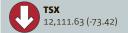
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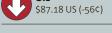
value.
"I think when you give a gift card out, the thought is there already; and if it isn't the correct gift card, I think the person that gave it to you would rather you use it at a place that you would go to and really enjoy," she added.

"The point of giving a gift card is so that a person is able to splurge a little or treat (themselves); so I think it's perfectly fine to swap it for something you're actually going to use." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute









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BOYZ OF MIXED MESSAGEZ AND MISUNDERSTANDINGZ



There's an epidemic of misunderstanding going on.

Why, just the other day, I was misunderstood by a reader who called me "rich" and "arrogant." He was, at best, only

half right. I'm tempted to clarify, but that usually leads to

more misunderstanding.

At least I'm not alone. If I think I'm misunderstood, what about poor Rob Ford, the mayor of Toronto? He tried so hard to make everything simple;for example, he characterized the complex problems of transit in a North American megacity as "the war on cars." And what thanks does he get? Booted out of office for conflict of interest around his football association, that's what. It's not his fault. It's those leftists

like lawyer Clayton Ruby who fail to understand that he's a simple man of the people who doesn't get conflict of interest and all that stuff.

Then there's Justin Bieber, the world's most misunderstood pop tart, who was booed every time he showed his face at the Grey Cup, even though there were worthy alternative targets such as Burton Cummings' ridiculous rendition of O Canada. Justin thinks these "haterz" hate the very idea of Justin Bieber. They can't

stand it that some kid made more ford Nation Chief-in-turmoil than \$100 million over the last two years bouncing around the stage to

inane tunes while the rest of us had to work for a living. Real musician Mark Knopfler clarified matters when he sang: "That ain't workin' that's the way you do it. Money for nothin' ..."

Justin just wants to be known as, "like, a nice guy. But I won't take anybody's, like, s-t."

Seems clear to me.

Speaking of Justin, there's Justin Trudeau, yet another victim of misunderstanding. Right at the height of Trudeaumania 2.0 (last week), the haterz (Tories, in this case), exhumed a video clip of Justin in Quebec circa 2010 moaning about the state of

Canada because of the Albertans "who control our community and socio-democratic agenda." Needless to say,

that was misunderstood in Alberta, but in Quebec nothing was lost in translation.

The Biebs GETTY IMAGES

What he meant to convey was that 'Albertans" was shorthand for Stephen Harper and his gang of neo-Tories, but everybody just misunderstood. I am

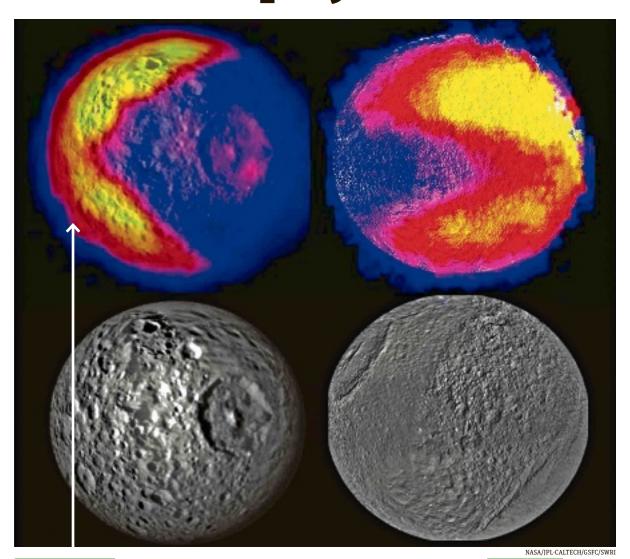
also tempted to point out that a lot of people don't understand that Stephen Harper is, in fact, from Etobicoke. Like Rob

Now Etobicoke is going to start com-

plaining that it's misunderstood. Before that happens, we need to nip this epidemic in the bud. The only thing Rob Ford, Justin Bieber and Justin Trudeau don't understand is that the people (at least the leftists, haterz and Tories) are not fooled. They understand, only too well. Except when it comes to me, of

Trudeau 2.0 the canadian press

Pac-Man replays on moons



Space exploration

Video-game hero spotted in moons

NASA put a man on the moon in the 1960s — a few decades later Pac-Man appears on two of Saturn's moons. Scientists with the Cassini spacecraft mission have identified two features shaped like the 1980s video-game icon on moons of Saturn. One was observed on the moon Mimas, left, in 2010

and the latest was observed on the moon Tethys

These remarkable infrared images measure the surface temperature of the two satellites. In a new report, researchers theorize that this distinctive pattern is the result of high-energy electrons colliding into low latitudes on the forward-facing sides moons as they orbit around Saturn. This bombardment transforms the normally "fluffy" surface into hardpacked ice, NASA said, metro

corded on the surface of Tethys in data obtained on Sept. 14. Daytime temperatures inside seen to be cooler than their surroundings by 1.6 C.

Screenshot of the 1980 arcade

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James Gandolfini: I'm 'like a 260-pound Woody Allen'

Killing Them Softly. Hard to erase memories of Tony Soprano in new film



FOCUS

Tony Soprano was one of the most recognizable television characters of the last decade, yet the man who breathed life into him, actor James Gandolfini, says, "I never think

about him, ever."

He may not, but audiences do. It's difficult to see the burly actor in any other role without thinking about the troubled gangster he played on 86 episodes of The Sopranos.

This weekend, he plays a foul-mouthed hitman in Killing Them Softly, opposite Brad Pitt and Ray Liotta. Despite his powerful presence, the role likely won't do much to erase memories of Soprano.

The New-Jersey-born actor first earned notice playing you guessed it — a hitman in Tony Scott's True Romance. Similar roles in movies like Get Shorty followed, but Gandolfini says he is nothing like the tough guy characters he so

requently plays.

Even though he once earned a living as a bouncer (he also delivered seltzer for a company called Gimme Seltzer) and has repeatedly unlocked a wellspring of rage



on screen, he says, "I'm a neurotic mess. I'm really basically just like a 260-pound Woody Allen.

Perhaps that's what he tapped into when he voiced Carol, the impulsive creature in Where the Wild Things Are.

It's a sensitive performance that shows off Gandolfini's softer side. He does go on a "wild ruckus," but at least he doesn't shoot anybody.

In fact, we may soon see less and less of his badass side. 'I'm getting a little older, you know," he says. "The running and the jumping and killing, it's a little past me."

In the dark indie Welcome

to the Rileys (directed by Jake Scott, son of Ridley) he's armed, playing a troubled businessman whose life unravels when he befriends a stripper, played by Kristen

In the Loop, a wild satire of British politics, saw Gandolfini take a detour into comedy, but his strangest movie came in 2010. Mint Julep was made in 1995 after Gandolfini had appeared in Terminal Velocity and Crimson Tide, but because of money issues it wasn't

released until after The Sopranos was off the air. Notice ably thinner, and with more hair, he plays a perverted landlord opposite David Morse.

Yet another side of the actor can be seen in Alive Day: Home from Iraq, a documentary in which he interviews injured Iraq War veterans about the physical and emotional



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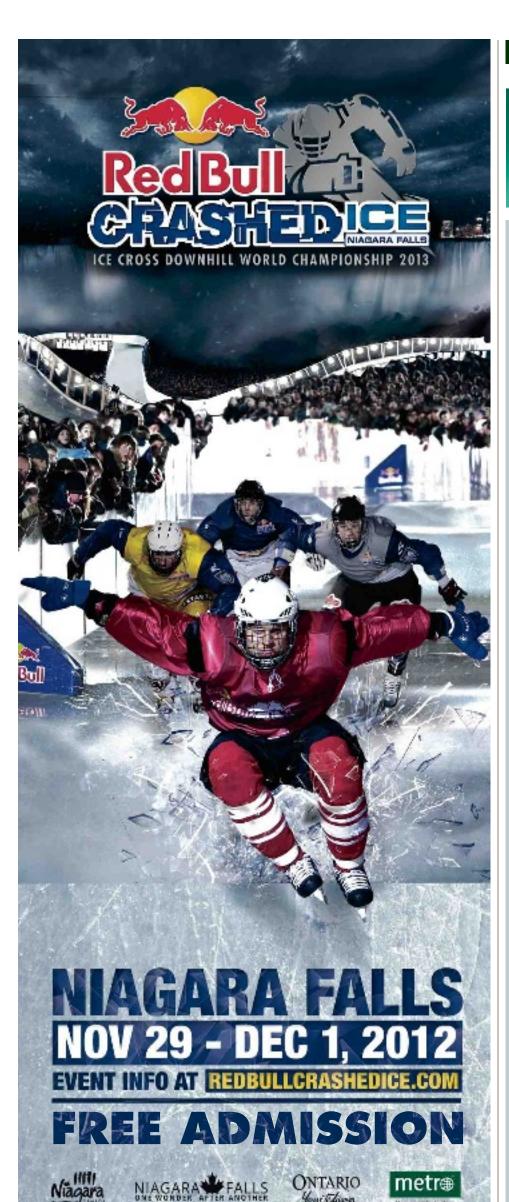
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Today in celebrity lawsuits



THE WORD

Celebrities. If they aren't getting divorced, they're getting sued. Here's a breakdown of the latest legal woes of your

favourite stars.

While Halle Berry is hoping to make her temporary restraining order against ex Gabriel Aubry permanent following his bloody Thanks-giving row with her fiancé, Olivier Martinez, Aubry him self is reportedly seeking legal protection, according to TMZ. In his legal declaration following the incident, Aubry claims that Martinez threatened his life and used intimidating language the day before the fight, during a school play featuring Nahla, the daughter Berry and Aubry share. Aubry has been

granted a restraining order of his own against Martinez.

The lawsuits just keep coming for Kevin Clash, the beleaguered ex-voice of Elmo. He's been slammed with a third accusation of having sex with an underage boy a week after a similar allegation prompted him to resign from Sesame Street. A man identified only as John Doe alleges Clash engaged in oral sex and other sex acts with him when he was 16 years old. The suit, which was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, seeks at least \$75,000 in damages, per Reuters. A Katt Williams fan isn't

just brushing off a terrible performance by the comed-

 he's suing the star on behalf of everyone who had to witness it. This week, Brian Herline of Modesto, Calif., filed a class action lawsuit against Williams and Live Nation on behalf of the audience members who attended a Williams show at Oakland's Oracle Arena earlier this month. The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Williams went bonkers 10 minutes into his set, taking off all of his clothes and then challenging people to fight (sounds watchable to me). The gracious Herline is seeking class-action certification in an effort to get ticket money back for all audience members.

It's been a bad week for Justin Bieber. First, he was booed by a bunch of football fans for his halftime performance at the Grey Cup on Sunday, and now he has been hit with a \$9.2 million lawsuit brought against him by Stacey Wilson Betts. Betts claims she lost her hearing "by a sound blast that exceeded safe deci-bel levels" at a Bieber concert two years ago. Two years is a long time to wait to file a lawsuit. Even fishier? She's representing herself. Bieber and his lawyers asked for the case to be dismissed, stating that Betts has a "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted," which is legalese "girlfriend is crazy.

And, finally, we're going to save the most beautiful and touching for last: Hulk Hogan and Bubba the Love Sponge have settled out of court re-garding Hulk's lawsuit against Bubba over a sex tape scandal. Hogan sued his former friend and Bubba's ex-wife Heather Clem for taping him in sexual acts with Heather without his knowledge and consent. The terms of the settlement are confidential.



Pitt and Jolie: Finally getting hitched?

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may be finally making good on their engagement and getting married sooner rather than later. "I am getting more pressure from my kids, and it is something I want to do within their lifetime," he tells reporters at the Killing Them Softly premiere, according to Hollyscoop. "But I also feel like the time has come. The time is now. It's soon. I got a good feeling about it." And Pitt admits it's not just pressure from the kids that has him eager to tie the knot. It turns out he's into the idea as well: "We've had a family, we've raised the kids. I am surprised how much [marriagel meant to me once you had that," he says.



Rowling sells her Scotland home, makes a mint

J.K. Rowling is a bit of a wizard when it comes to real estate. The bestselling author recently sold the Edinburgh, Scotland home — where she wrote four of her seven Harry Potter novels — for \$3.6 million after just three weeks on the market, according to People magazine. Rowling bought the top half of the home in 1999 and later bought the downstairs section and converted it into a single home with eight bed-rooms, a walled garden and a detached office in the back The buver is an anonymous Scottish businessman.

With Barack Obama back in the White House and Abraham Lincoln in movie theatres, we thought it was time to immerse ourselves in Chicago — a city with historic ties to both presidents. We visited Lincoln Park, Bucktown and Wicker Park to give you this best friend's guide to the north side of the city

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Dishing deep on Chicago

Bucktown and Wicker Park

Located west of Lincoln Park, both neighbourhoods have seen a resurgence in recent years as established residents and young families mix with students and hipsters. Before you start exploring, grab lunch at Big Star (1531 North Damen Ave., bigstarchicago. com), a whiskey and taco eatery just past the Damen L transit station. Across the street from Big Star is The Violet Hour (1520 North Damen Ave., theviolethour. com). The lounge has a nearly hidden entrance and speakeasy feel. A house rule helps to achieve this — cellphones are left at the door! End your day by grabbing dinner at The Bristol (2152 North Damen Ave., thebristolchicago.com). an award-winning Bucktown restaurant. GQ named the eatery one of the 10 best new restaurants in America, and with its extensive wine list and seasonal-based creations, it's easily worthy of the title.



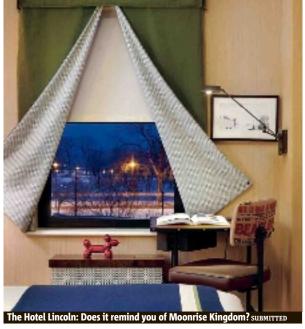
GQ named The Bristol one of the 10 best new restaurants in the U.S., so it's worth a visit if you find yourself

Before leaving Hotel Lincoln, grab a coffee from Elaine's Coffee Call. Located off the lobby, the small café is named after a former hotel telephone operator, who at night would call up former hotel mainstay and famed playwright David Mamet to see if he wanted an evening drink. The walls of Elaine's

are covered with multiple layers of dog-eared wallpaper made even more interesting with coffee beans rubbed onto them with a brick. It makes the place feel wellloved, well-used and timeless.

Across the street from the hotel is Lincoln Park, a more than 1,200-acre retreat from the city nestled on the edge of Lake Michigan, Locals stroll and jog through the

more than 25 kilometres of trails in this urban get away. Near the park centre is Lincoln Park Zoo (lpzoo. org), a free facility featuring a menagerie of creatures, from sea lions to land lions. The animals are like an extended family for locals, who can stroll through at any time and watch as the babies including two recently born gorillas — grow up.



Presidential digs

Stepping into the Hotel Lincoln is like walking onto the set of a Wes Anderson movie. The Midwest meets New

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England with golden yellows, foresty greens and a sense of quaint nostalgia reminiscent of the director's Moonrise

Å number of the rooms feature curtains that open like the flaps of a tent, and patterned carpeting guides you through the hallways and suites. While it underwent extensive renovations before being opened by hotel operator Joie de Vivre early in 2012, the 12-storey building still retains its historic edge. The 184-room Lincoln has the feel of a boutique hotel with whimsical touches - like an eclectic wall of pictures and paintings leading from the lobby to the second floor, and a reception desk clad in drawer fronts. On the rooftop, an all-season bar offers sweeping views of Lake Michigan, North Avenue Beach and downtown Chicago. Off the lobby is Perennial Virant (perennialchicago.com), offering a seasonal menu and featuring pickled and canned ingredients purchased from local growers. (1816 North Clark St. jdvhotels.com.)





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Foodie boom. Oil money has put Newfoundland on the map as a tasty spot

New Year's Eve at Raymonds Restaurant in St. N.L., will feature a luxurious 12-course tasting menu of seafood and wild game crafted by celebrated chef Jeremy Charles.

Each dish is based on a walk-in-the-woods theme and will showcase flavours from throughout the island, paired with wines from around the world.

The price?

A bell-ringing \$325 per person, including the wine, tax

A more typical dinner for two at Raymonds — think Cornish hen with foie gras jus or pan roasted cod with Jerusalem artichoke puree — will top \$300 with an appetizer and dessert, depending on which wine you choose from a 42-page list. Bottles range from about \$40 to more than \$2,000.

It's still a surprise to many people from out of town that fine dining of this calibre not only exists but thrives on the Rock. And while Raymonds is the jewel in this city's culinary crown, it's in fine company with a growing list of restaurants that increasingly delights globe-trotting food lovers.

The offshore oil boom has brought new visitors, executives and wealth to a province famous for its kitchen parties and culture of hospitality.

"Europe, Scandinavia, Japan. People are coming up from all over," said Charles, a soft-spoken and unassuming wizard in chef's whites.

Raymonds, named for his grandfather and the father of restaurant manager and sommelier Jeremy Bonia, was chosen Canada's best new restaurant last year by Air Canada's enRoute inflight magazine. "I think we take a fairly simple approach with ingredients," Charles said. "We try to forage and source all local Newfoundland ingredients and, if not, Canadian.

Those basic elements include the freshest seafood, moose, rabbit, duck and lamb — grazed in summer on salt grass islands in the North Atlantic — that he infuses with French, Italian or whatever modern twists inspire him.

Charles refined many of those techniques during the decade he spent away, cooking for the Molson and Bronfman families at a remote fly fishing



camp in Quebec, and working as a private chef in Chicago and Los Angeles.

"Not everyone's expecting see such food, I guess, in St. John's. But it's great to be a part of this whole food movement and I think we really have come a long way in the past few years," he said.

"A lot of people are pushing themselves to put out wonderful products and we're so proud of what we have here. We're so excited to share what we have with the rest of Canada and the world.

St. John's-based food writer and critic Karl Wells said Raymonds is worth every dollar for those who can afford it, and it seems there are many who can. Reservations in high season are recommended weeks in advance.

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To wrap or not to wrap



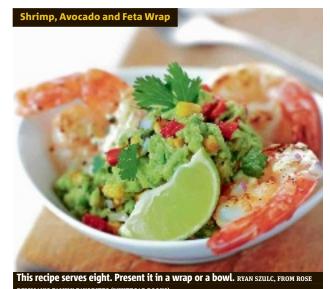
You can substitute baby cocktail shrimp if you don't have the larger ones. Also, be sure to seed the tomatoes first to avoid excess liquid.

Keeping some or all of the shrimp whole makes a lovely presentation. Corn kernels are a nice addition to the filling.

If you are serving these to

Ingredients

- 6 oz raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 1/2 cups chopped plum tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped avocado
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 tbsp chopped red onion1/3 cup crumbled light feta
- cheese (about 1 1/2 oz)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 tsp finely chopped jalapeño pepper (or 1 tsp hot chili sauce)
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 4 large whole lettuce leaves
- 4 large whole wheat flour tortillas



guests, let them assemble the wraps themselves.

1. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with vegetable spray and set over medium-high heat. Add the shrimp and grill just until no longer pink, about 3 minutes, turning halfway through. Remove from the heat and let cool slightly. Dice the shrimp and place in a large mixing

2. Add the tomatoes, avocado,

cilantro, red onion, feta, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, jala-peño, salt and pepper.

3. Place 1 lettuce leaf on each of the 4 tortillas and divide the shrimp mixture evenly among the tortillas, spreading it to about 1/4 inch from the edges. Fold in the sides of the tortillas and roll up. Cut each in half and serve.

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A recruiter's guide to the attention-grab

Remember my name. Walk into each interview with an arsenal of successful strategies

KELSEY GOFORTH

I work as a recruiter, meaning I assist my company in finding people that fit with our company culture, convey a passion for what we do and, most importantly, have the potential to take on the roles that we hire for.

With hundreds of applicants each week and a commitment to speak to each and every one of them, I have been exposed to both outstanding as well as disappointing job seekers.

Each day, I conduct phone interviews where I speak to a handful of impressive applicants. They answer the phone

Squeeze out a smile

"Whether the interview is for your dream job or just to make some money during your summer holidays, show some enthusiasm."

Kelsey Goforth

excited about the prospect of a new position and relay back to me information they researched about the company, asking for clarification along the way.

Unfortunately, they are the minority.

Most applicants have neglected to do so much as a quick Google search about the company.

They answer the phone, neither thanking me for getting in touch with them nor displaying any interest or excitement about what I'm telling them.

A surprising number of

people fail to follow simple guidelines, severely lowering their likelihood of getting hired. These are my top three tips for how students and recent grads can impress recruiters like me:

Be enthusiastic

If you are being contacted by the company you applied with, you should be quite grateful. I have applied to dozens of jobs over the past few years and never got so much as an email thanking me for my application for most of them. If a company has taken the time to contact you and give you a chance, be excited! Whether the interview is for your dream job or just to make some money during your summer holidays, show some enthusiasm

Know why you want this particular job Take the time to research

Take the time to research the company and position. Having some background knowledge will make your interview go much more smoothly.

The more you know about a company's history and objectives, the more likely you will be able to connect yourself and your experiences to the role you are applying for.

Make connections

To get an interview started, I often ask applicants to tell me a bit about their work experience. Oftentimes, they rhyme off their past few years of work without actually telling me the most important part of these experiences.

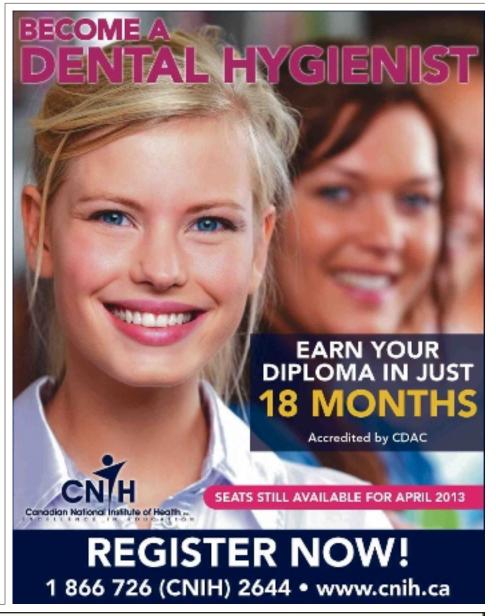
periences.

Take the time to point out specific responsibilities you had or skills you developed through the jobs you held.

Saying you had a customer service job is far more impressive if you add in the fact that you were able to sharpen your communication skills and your ability to stay focused under pressure, or that you often assisted management with more advanced duties, such as ordering new merchandise.

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Fall not from your social media slip-ups

Avoid being a Twit.

Take a serious pause before you push that send button

ASHLEIGH TRAHAN

Before you post that picture of yourself doing body shots during your Cancun spring break, I would like to offer you some friendly advice on how potential employers might interpret your online behaviour.

You need to make sure that you are projecting the best possible image to future employers, in case anyone who's thinking about hiring you takes a quick second to Google your

People will be assessing what you've posted to see if there are any photos, videos all-caps-irrational-ranting that raises a red flag about your judgment, awareness or intel-

A few common sense tips can ensure that you come across as employable:

Lock it down

The first and most important

commandment of personal social media management is understanding who you are sharing your personal informa-

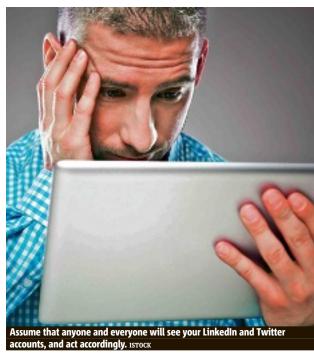
If you choose to add your professional contacts to Facebook, you can either keep things PG or change your security settings to only allow certain posts to be visible to your professional network.

This involves a certain degree of common sense. Every industry is different in terms of their tolerance for your shenanigans via social media. For example, if you work at a creative start-up company, your boss's views on your mid-workday posts of cat memes will be different than if you work at a Bay Street law firm. Investigate how your peers or colleagues are using social media, and follow their lead.

Think before you tweet **about how bad your job is**I've seen far too many catastro-

phes caused by careless tweets. We've all witnessed heat-of-themoment tweets about some-one's failing love life and epic drinking plans (please, spare us), but I especially urge caution when it comes to social posts about your job.

It only takes one tweet



along the lines of, "This job is – and everyone here is a Bto get you fired.

The same applies if you decide to resign. Take a moment to reflect on how rejoicing publicly about your departure from your current boss, job or coworkers could appear. Perhaps your boss is in fact an evil fascist, and maybe your co-workers do give new meaning to the word psycho, but griping about work is never a good idea. Regardless of the situation,

it can make you look like a whiner and/or jerk.

Be truthful and consistent

Now that your social profiles

Ditch the cheesy Twitter

- I cannot tell you how many times I've seen resumés and email signature blocks that feature outrageously inappropriate email addresses, blog URLs or Twitter handles. You should be showcasing the best possible image to potential employers and @lovemonkey1990 is sending all the wrong messages.
- Sticking to your name is safest, but if you choose to use a nickname, make it something that wouldn't make your grandma blush.

(especially LinkedIn) are out there for anyone and everyone to see, you need to ensure you are telling a truthful, consistent

story about yourself.

If your LinkedIn profile doesn't match up to your resume, that will raise red flags and will quickly torpedo potential opportunities. Take the same care in putting together an online profile as you would

vour resumé.

Maintain your personality and use it to your professional advantage

While you might think I would advocate for being a passionless yuppie robot on your social media profiles, that's not the case. Having a life outside of work makes you an interesting, well-rounded person, so maintain your unique qualities and pursuits in full view (as long as your pursuits are of the legal

Remember to take the time to post updates about news and trends related to your industry. This will work to your advantage by showcasing your knowledge and interest in your field to potential employers.

Overall, it's critical that you avoid sharing anything on social media that could give the impression that you lack judgment, are irresponsible or should potentially be thrown in an asylum. Everyone lets their hair down once in a while; just have the good sense not to post the evidence on Instagram.

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MLB

Jays reliever Janssen has successful surgery

Toronto Blue Jays reliever Casey Janssen has undergone successful right-shoulder surgery and is expected to be ready for spring training. Janssen, 31, had the sur-

Janssen, 31, had the surgery Friday in Los Angeles to repair lingering joint soreness, the team said.

Janssen converted 22 of 25 save opportunities this past season.

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MLB

Source: Pettitte, Rivera set to re-up with Yankees

Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees are nearing agreement on a one-year contract in the range of \$10 million to \$12 million, a person familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because talks are ongoing.

New York also is negotiating on a deal with closer Mariano Rivera, who turns 43 on Thursday. The career saves leader was limited to nine games this year after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while tracking down a fly ball during batting practice in Kansas City on May 3.

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Seguin finds next gear in Switzerland

Hockey. Locked-out forward taking game to new level overseas

It is awfully hard to miss Tyler Seguin these days.

Not only is the locked-out NHL forward tearing up the Swiss hockey league, he's doing it in style. Seguin stands out among his EHC Biel teammates on the ice because of the bright yellow helmet he wears—an honour bestowed on the top-scoring player for each team in Switzerland.

The 20-year-old has been an offensive force with 20 goals in 20 games, making him the most productive NHLer plying his trade in a league that includes Jason Spezza, Joe Thorn-

Quote

"Scoring goals is never easy; I didn't do very well at the beginning. Now I just hope to continue playing well like I have been lately."

EHC Biel forward Tyler Seguin

ton, Rick Nash, John Tavares and Logan Couture, among others.

In fact, Seguin has even managed to exceed his own expectations so far.

"I had no idea what to expect when I came to Switzerland," he told the Tages-Anzeiger newspaper recently. "The league is very competitive — the speed and the talent level of the players has surprised me. It took me some time and effort to get used to it."

The trip abroad has also come with new opportunities. After seasons of 22 and 67 points with the Boston Bruins, it was reasonable to expect that Seguin would have made another leap forward during his third year in the NHL.

However, he likely wouldn't have been relied upon by Boston as much as he is in Biel, where he's been used in virtually every situation. Over the weekend against Bern, he blocked a shot while killing a penalty and scored on a short-

By the numbers

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Tyler Seguin has scored three hat tricks in his first 20 games with EHC Biel.

handed breakaway.

Seguin has seen limited penalty-kill action in the NHL and made reference to his new role on Twitter on Monday: "Got a short handed goal the other night. Wonder if @NHL-Bruins will see it. #blockshots"

Seguin was one of the first players to sign in Europe once the work stoppage came into effect back in September. Asked by Swiss journalists recently why he chose Biel, he replied: "I just wanted to play hockey." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Argos host rare championship party in Toronto

Victory celebration.

Boatmen parade Grey Cup in streets following win over Stamps in title game

Chad Owens danced onstage with his young son while Jalil Carter rode shirtless in the back of a pickup truck sipping from a Tim Hortons cup, and Adriano Belli planted a smooch on Toronto's embattled mayor.

Cornerback Evan McCollough arrived late, running to catch up to the parade at Yonge Street.

The Argonauts and their fans celebrated a rare treat Tuesday — a championship party in their own backyard.

And all the crazy antics culminated with the common refrain of "Repeat!" from



Toronto Argonauts defensive tackle Adriano Belli hoists the Grey Cup during a victory celebration in Toronto on Tuesday.

a CFL team and its fans that could certainly get used to winning.

"All the ups, the downs, the stretches we went through, when we lost five out of six games, just knowing that we stuck together, persevered through and never lost sight of our dream and our goal and we made it through," said Owens, the slotback who won the league's most outstanding player award this season.

"It's so special. The 100th Grey Cup. In our city. Never going to forget that."

The Argonauts paraded the venerable trophy through downtown Toronto, arriving at Nathan Phillips Square to a festive lunchtime crowd of several thousand to celebrate Sunday's 35-22 victory over the Calgary Stampeders in the 100th Grey Cup.

Fans — clad in jerseys and tuques in the Argos' double blue — lined the streets and packed into the square in celebration of the city's first championship since 2004, which was also won by the Argos. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Vonn skis on in Alberta

Lindsey Vonn speeds through a training run on Tuesday in Lake Louise, Alta. Vonn returns to the resort dubbed "Lake Lindsey" determined to add to her wins, and also to compete against men in the future. With 11 wins, no woman has won more World Cup races at Lake Louise than the American star. The world governing body of skiing, FIS, denied her request to race in the men's World Cup downhill and super-G on Saturday and Sunday.

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Hockey

Top Blue Jackets prospect out for season with shoulder injury

Ryan Murray is expected to miss the rest of the season with a shoulder injury, delivering a blow to Canada's world junior team.

The 19-year-old Everett Silvertips captain suffered a torn labrum in his left shoulder after taking a hit while playing Victoria on Nov. 16. On Tuesday, it was revealed the injury will require surgery that will sideline Murray for six months.

The defenceman was the second overall pick of the Columbus Blue Jackets earlier this year and was expected to challenge for a spot on the NHL team as soon as the lockout ended.

He had two goals and 17 points in 23 games for the Silvertips this season.

Murray represented Canada at last year's world junior championship and would likely have been a key member of the team that competes in Ufa, Russia, next month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Penn driven by desire to be called one of the greatest

UFC. Hawaiian is coming out of retirement to fight highly rated Rory MacDonald from Kelowna, B.C.

Former champion B.J. "The Prodigy" Penn says he will be in top shape for his Dec. 8 UFC fight with Rory "Ares" MacDonald, pointing to the desire to add to his legacy and trash-talk from his young Canadian opponent as mo-

Penn, a former lightweight and welterweight title-holder, has not always maximized his training and it has cost him in fights.

The 33-year-old Hawaiian retired in the cage in Octo-

ady for a fight

- Penn has had plenty of time to prepare.
- Originally slated for September at Toronto, the bout was delayed when MacDonald suffered a cut in training that needed 38 stitches.

ber 2011 after a lopsided loss to Nick Diaz. But after mulling over his future, he told UFC boss Dana White that he wanted to return, with the highly rated MacDonald (13-1) as his choice of welterweight opponent.

Penn (16-8-2) said he told White via a text exchange several months ago that he was tired of being ignored when it came to talk of the cream of the fighting crop.

"I told Dana I watch all these interviews and all these people talking and no one says my name when they're talking about the greatest fighters anymore. And I really don't like that, it really bothers me," Penn told a media conference call in advance of his showdown with MacDonald in Seattle.

"And I know it's my fault. I know I'm the reason why people don't talk about me when they talk about GSP (Georges St-Pierre) or Anderson Silva. My name was always in the mix. It's never in the mix any more.

"And I told Dana I've got a real problem with that. And that was actually a big part of my motivation to come back and be strong and do a good fight here on Dec. 8.

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Bonds, Clemens, Sosa set to appear on Hall ballots

Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa are set to show up on the Hall of Fame ballot for the first time, and fans will soon find out whether drug allegations block the former stars from reaching baseball's shrine.

The ballot will be announced Wednesday.

Craig Biggio, Mike Piazza and Curt Schilling are certain to be among the other first-time eligibles. Jack Morris, Jeff Bagwell and Tim Raines are the top holdover candidates.

Longtime members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWAA) will vote through next month. The much-awaited results will be announced Jan. 9, with players needing to be listed on 75 per cent of the ballots to gain

The upcoming election is certain to fuel the most

polarizing Hall debate since career hits leader Pete Rose's betting problems put him on baseball's permanently ineligible list, barring him from the BBWAA ballot.

Bonds, Clemens and Sosa each posted some of the biggest numbers in the game's history, but were all tainted by accusations that they used performance-enhancing drugs.

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Atlanta	8	4	.667	11/2
Philadelphia	8	6	.571	21/2
Boston	8	6	.571	21/2
Charlotte	7	6	.538	3
Chicago	6	7	.462	4
Indiana	6	8	.429	41/2
Orlando	5	8	.385	5
Detroit	4	11	.267	7
Toronto	3	11	.214	71/2
Cleveland	3	12	.250	8
Washington	0	12	.000	91/2
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Memphis	10	2	.833	_
San Antonio	12	3	.800	1/2
Oklahoma City	11	4	.733	1/2
Golden State	8	6	.571	3
L.A. Clippers	8	6	.571	3
Utah	8	7	.533	31/2
Denver	8	7	.533	31/2
Dallas	7	7	.500	4
L.A. Lakers	7	7	.500	4
Phoenix	7	8	.467	41/2
Houston	6	7	.462	41/2
Portland	6	8	.429	5
Minnesota	5	7	.417	5
New Orleans	4	9	.308	61/2
Sacramento	4	9	.308	61/2
Tuesday/s vesults				

Tuesday's results Phoenix 91 Cleveland 78 Dallas at Philadelphia Toronto at Houston Minnesota at Sacramento Indiana at L.A. Lakers

Monday's games — All Times Eastern San Antonio 118 Washington 92 Brooklyn 96 New York 89 OT

Detroit 108 Portland 101 Oklahoma City 114 Charlotte 69 Memphis 84 Cleveland 78 Milwaukee 93 Chicago 92 Utah 105 Denver 103 New Orleans 105 L.A. Clippers 98 Wednesday's games San Antonio at Orlando, 7 p.m. Portland at Washington, 7 p.m. Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.

New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NFL — WEEK 13

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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:		W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
÷	New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244
:	Miami	5	6	0	.455	211	220
:	N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290
:	Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243	319
:	SOUTH						
:	Houston	10	1	0	.909	327	21:
:	Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	230	273
:	Tennessee	4	7	0	.364	238	335
:	Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	188	308
:	NORTH						
:	Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	283	219
:	Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231	210
:	Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	282	247
:	Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	209	248
:	WEST						

8 3 0 .727 318 221 4 7 0 .364 245 237 3 8 0 .273 218 356 1 10 0 .091 161 301 Kansas City Thursday's game — All Times Eastern New Orleans at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's games Arizona at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.

New England at Miami, 1 p.m. Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

AHL

Oakland

Tuesday's result
Texas at Rockford
Wednesday's games — All Times Ea:
St. John's at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.
Rockford at Chicago 8 p.m. Rockford at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:05 p.m.

Friday's games
Springfield at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Bridgeport at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Binghamton at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
St. John's at Albany, 7 p.m.
Texas at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. Worcester at Portland, 7 p.m. Connecticut at Providence, 7:05 p.m. Syracuse at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m. Toronto at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. San Antonio at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:05 p.m. Hamilton at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	305	226
Washington	5	6	0	.455	295	285
Dallas	5	6	0	.455		262
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	184	282
SOUTH						
Atlanta	10	1	0	.909	294	216
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	310	254
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	308	304
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	214	265
NORTH						
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	277	175
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	273	245
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	248	249
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	267	280
WEST						
San Francisco	8	2	1	.773	276	155
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	219	185
St. Louis	4	6	1	.409	205	254
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	180	227

Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:05 p.m. Cleveland at Oakland, 4:25 p.m. Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m. Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, December 3

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m

NCAA AP TOP 25

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Pac-12 Championship No. 8 Stanford vs. No. 17 UCLA, 8 p.m. No. 18 Kent St. vs. No. 19 Northern III., 7 p.r

Saturday's games

No. 7 Kansas St. vs. No. 23 Texas, 8 p.m. No. 12 Oklahoma at Texas Christian, 12 p.m No. 16 Oregon St. vs. Nicholls St., 2:30 p.m No. 24 Oklahoma St. at Baylor, 12 p.m. No. 25 Boise St. at Nevada, 3:30 p.m.

SEC Championship — At Atlanta

No. 2 Alabama vs. No. 3 Georgia, 4 p.m. ACC Championship — At Charlotte, N.C. No. 13 Florida St. vs. Georgia Tech, 8 p.m. Big 10 Championship — At Indianapolis No. 14 Nebraska vs. Wisconsin, 8:15 p.m.



The 2013 Fiat 500 Turbo



Engine

The base 500 hatch and Cabrio operate with a 101-horsepower 1.4-litre four-cylinder MultiAir engine and standard fivespeed manual transmission. For 2013, the engine has been tweaked to produce 6.4 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 on the highway using premium



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That should become even more in evidence with the recent arrival of the Turbo that rounds out a four-model 500 lineup, which already includes a base 500, 500c Cabrio convertible and performancefocused 500 Abarth. Making its presence felt on the North American automotive stage has been challenging for the

2013 Fiat 500 Turbo

- Type. Two-door, frontwheel-drive, sub-compact
- Engines (hp);. 1.4-litre DOHC14, turbocharged (135)
- Transmission. Five speed
- Base price (incl.destination).

ing its Mini Cooper nemesis.

The frugal 500 family still has some kilometres to go before reaching icon status in North America. In most cases, its youthful buyers have only minimal knowledge of the Fiat marque.

However, the fiat's quality has been proven over time and bridging the gap between

The Turbo arrives with plenty of add-ons, including a distinctive nose and rear end (similar to the Abarth's), unique bodyside trim and alloy wheels. Along with a sport-tuned exhaust, the transmission, suspension and braking system have been beefed up to better handle the mushy handling traits.

charged, but has been detuned to 135 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. That's 25 ponies less than the Abarth, but the \$22,600 Turbo model also costs \$3,000 less, which is fair.

Also note that the Turbo and the Cabrio are within \$1,000 of each other, allowing vou to choose between topdown summer fun or extra performance for roughly the same money. Hmm, decisions, deci-

Transmission

Keep in mind that the Turbo copies the Abarth's manual-transmission-only requirement, so if you're averse to giving your left foot and right arm a workout while driving, the decision has already been made for you. For the record, the Turbo's fuel consumption numbers are 7.1 l/100 km city and 5.7 highway.

sions. The Turbo also comes with sporty-style bucket seats and fancier trim, while climate control, voice-activated navigation system, leather-covered and heated front seats and a Beats by Dr. Dre audio package are optional.

For small-car fans with champagne tastes on a beer budget, the 500 Turbo should manage to deliver some extra kick and give Fiat fans a more stylish way to get from A to B.

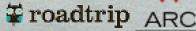


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the future

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Just picture it: It's been a long time coming, but you're in your first car with nothing in front of you but the open road.

Purchasing your first car is likely one of the biggest purchases you're ever going to

Start sharing

Life questions. This is the third in a week-long series of articles chronicling some of the rites of passage many of Metro's readers will experience as they leave the nest or school and head out on their own.

- Question. Do you remember your first car or are you planning on buying your first one? Maybe you have some tips.
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make, second only to buying your first home.

But before you start to shop around for your dream car, there are several things to consider. Should you go for new or used? And is it smarter to buy or lease? Different options are going to work for different people, advises Silvana Aceto, spokesperson for CAA South Central Ontario.

CAA South Central Ontario.

"Look at how often you're going to be using this vehicle and how far you're going to be driving," she says. If you're planning on driving long distances regularly, you may want to consider buying to sidestep mileage restrictions that come with leasing.

On the other hand, leasing means lower monthly payments and the opportunity

to trade in for a new model every three or four years.

Aceto recommends making the effort to price out your options. Many car companies have online tools that will help illustrate the cost differences between leasing and buying their vehicles.

Resources such as the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada and Consumer Reports also offer more information about makes and models as you figure out which kind of car will best fit your lifestyle, while the Canadian Black Book is an ideal guide for anyone considering used cars.

There are key pros and cons involved in purchasing a used vehicle. "You have to consider that you could be buying someone else's problems," warns Aceto.

New cars, however, will likely require fewer repairs in the first few years of ownership and are also supported by manufacturer's warranties.

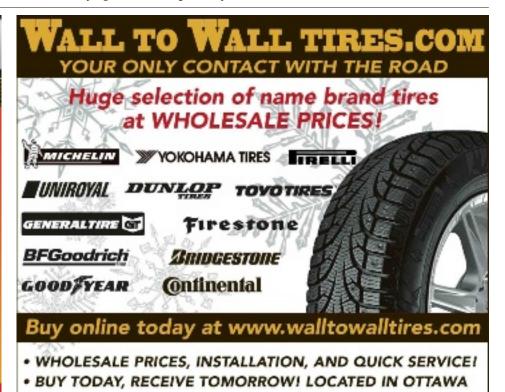
But buying used might be easier on your wallet. "Typically, you pay less to insure a used vehicle as opposed to a brand new vehicle," she says. Ultimately, when it comes to shopping for insurance and finding your ideal car, extensive research is your best friend.

"There is plenty of homework, research and legwork involved, but it will pay off in the end," says Aceto. "Take your time because this is an expensive purchase, and you don't want it to be an impulse buy."

Smart steps

- Talk to family and friends.
 Chances are, they're car
 owners too and will be able to
 recommend models and dealers they've used in the past.
- Check your credit history.
 New car owners will likely require loans to support their purchase. Doing your own credit check before you visit dealerships ensures your credit score won't dip from running too many inquiries on your credit report.
- Take a test drive. Once you have your choices narrowed down, take them out for a spin. "Make sure that you take the vehicle out on routes that you know," Aceto suggests.









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The best time to buy is nigh ...

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What do you call a car that turns left when you steer right and vice versa?

A Dislexus.

When it comes to telling a joke, even a bad one like the above, you have to be cognizant of timing. Same for buying a new vehicle. There are really no bad times to buy, but there are certain times of the year, month, and week, when some factors are definitely working in your favour. Let's have a look...

End of Year

Two factors work in your favour at the end of the year. Automakers and dealerships want to clear out current-year models to make room for next-year models. Dealerships receive substantial per-car rebates from their respective automakers when they attain certain yearly sales levels.

(These rebates are unadvertised and go directly to the dealer.) We're at the end of the year

We're at the end of the year now. You've no doubt seen the adverts about how much money you can save by buying a 2012 model while supplies

Radek Garbowski of the online buying service Unhaggle. com, figures that the 2012 close-out activity is even more frenetic than in previous years: "Manufacturers are looking to drive sales records after rebounding from a few years of slowdown."

Garbowski adds that yearend incentives are even juicier when a manufacturer is set to replace a model with a totally revised one. Case in point is the 2012 Mazda6, which can currently be had with a \$7,000 cash incentive.

The all-new 2014 Mazda6 is set to debut later this week at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

According to Garbowski, the heightened competition for year-end customers is felt by the individual dealerships, which are then prepared to offer even more discounts. He notes Unhaggle clients typically can save an extra \$1,000 or more, above and beyond the incen-



End of Month

Dealerships are very "monthly" focused when it comes to sales quotas, for the store and for individual salespeople. Sometimes managers and salespeople receive bonuses for reaching or exceeding those quotas. So salespeople and

their managers are often never as motivated to seal a deal as they are in the last few days of the month.

But there is a caveat. Incentives change month to month. When they are high, like

When they are high, like they are this November, the longer you wait in the month the more you risk being caught out. This is particularly a factor at year-end, when there is a limited supply of those 2012 incentive-eligible vehicles. If you shop earlier in the month, you avoid the risk and get better selection.

End of Week

If dealerships throw on promotions, they typically do so on weekends and on the following

Top November incentives

- **1.** 2012 Acura MDX: up to \$9,000
- **2.** 2013 Dodge Caravan: up to \$8,100
- 3. 2012 Mazda6: \$7,000
- **4.** 2012 BMW 3 Series: up to
- **5.** 2112 Nissan Sentra: up to \$4,750
- **6.** 2012 Toyota Rav4: up to \$4.000
- Source: Unhaggle.com.
 Excludes high-end luxury
 models.

Monday, when they might stay open later. Sales managers and salespeople often get psyched up to sell in these festive atmospheres, especially if they have some kind of friendly or monetary competition going on between the sales staff.

Might as well take advantage of their jazzed up mood, especially if they've got party favours on hand, like free coffee and Timbits. Hey, every little bit helps.





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March 21 - April 20

You will get plenty of advice over the next 24 hours, some of it good and some of it bad. How do you know which is which? By listening not to other people but to your own inner voice. It knows all the answers.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The more you feel the need to prove yourself, the more care you must take when dealing with people whose opinions may be very different to your own. Say the wrong thing and it could impact you financially.

Il Gemini May 22 - June 21

Even if you are one of those rare Geminis who tries to avoid the limelight, all your instincts are telling you to put yourself out there and get noticed. Do something out of the ordinary, something that makes a lasting impression.

9 Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There seems to be a lot of resentment in your mind but there is no point being angry with people for what they have said because they can't un-say it. It's up to you to put it behind

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You will say something that is less than positive about a friend today but there is no need to feel guilty about it because it's the truth. A few choice words are just what they need to set them straight.

MP Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You don't have to be ruthless but the Lunar Eclipse warns you do have to protect your interests. Someone who envies your success will try to undermine you today. You know who they are. Deal with

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Tell the truth as you see it today, even if you know it is likely to offend someone you are fond of. It is important that they can see things from an alternative point of view. Without it they'll make a huge

M Scorpio

Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22 The planets warn that anyone who approaches you with a money-making idea over the next 24 hours is not to be trusted. The more enticing it sounds the more likely it is you will lose your investment. Give

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It's not easy to turn the other cheek when someone hurts you but you would be wise to today. If you get drawn into a dispute it will escalate quicker than you expected, so give revenae a miss.

V Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Avoid getting involved in anything that others might see as deceptive or crooked. Facts often mean less than impressions, so don't let people get the impression that you are up to no good.

≫ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are on the right side and nothing anyone can say is going to change your mind. That's fine but be aware that too rigid an outlook limits true understanding. Being right isn't everything.

)(Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you don't feel up to going out with your friends, just let them know you need some time to yourself. The Lunar Eclipse makes this the kind of day when you want to hunker down and stay inside your own four walls. SALLY BROMPTON

Across

- 1. Anary
- 4. Fishing need
- 7. Charmed actress McGowan
- 11. Spring month (abbr.)
- 12. Desperate Housewives star
- Longoria
- 13. Role for Hal Holbrook in Evening Shade
- 14. Average grade
- 15. Flying (prefix)
- 17. Transmit
- 18. Filling out an envelope
- 21. Just Shoot -
- 22. Preserve fruit
- 23. Baldwin of 30 Rock
- 25. The Joy Luck Club author
- 26. Post script (abbr.) 28. According to
- 29. Dole out
- 31. Ocean
- 32. Baronet
- 33. In tune with the latest fashion 34. Ollie's partner
- 35. Found on the farm
- 36. Night time medical drama
- 42. Abuse
- 44. Exclamation of surprise
- 47. Sword
- 49. Mate for woman
- 50. Barracks food hall
- 51. Saturday late night skit show
- 52. Pig's abode

- 3. Romanticist

50

- 37. Clean our teeth with this
- 43. Without

- 48. Author of "The Raven"

- (abbr.)

Down

- 1. Apple computer
- 2. Mimic

- 4. Peruse 5. — and above
- 6. Truth or -
- 7. Saran
- 8. Baking need
- 9. "I Never for My Father"
- Halt
- 16. Fashion designer: --- de la
- Renta 19. Christmas mo.
- 20. Perfectly coherent
- 23. NYPD Blue notice (abbr.)

51

- 24. Allow 25. Knock lightly
- 26. Small green veggie 27. The Streets of Francisco
- 29. Take a stab at
- 30. and lows 31. Brooks

15

- 34. Lav down 35. Holmes on
- 37. Pre-record

- 38. Minerals
- 39. Gladys Knight & the --
- 40. Soon
- 41. Stitch up
- 42. Alter a skirt or dress
- 45. The Cat in the --46. "-- Given Sunday"
- 54. Neighbour of ND

Sudoku

How to play Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and

Yesterday's Sudoku

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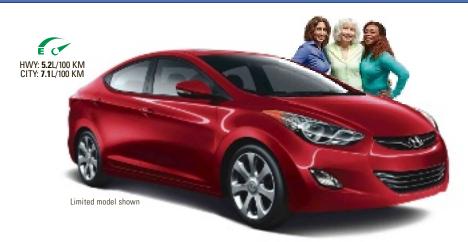
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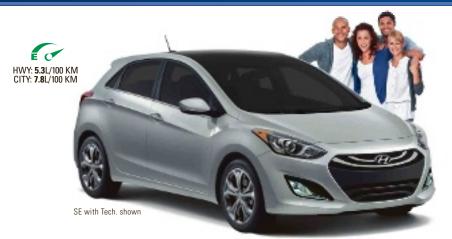




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FINANCING FOR 24 MONTHS

15,480

ELANTRA L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED, PLUS HST.



2013 ELANTRA GT GET UPTO FINANCING FOR 24 MONTHS IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS[‡] \$18,930 ENDS & FAMILY SELLING PRICE

2013 AJAC BEST NEW SMALL CAR

ELANTRA GT GL 6-SPEED MANUAL.
DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.







GET UPTO WITH 0% FINANCING FOR 48 MONTHS

SONATA GL AUTO.
DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.

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GET UPTO FINANCING FOR ADJUSTMENTS¹ 24 MONTHS

2013 AJAC BEST NEW SUV

SANTA FE 2.4L FWD AUTO.
DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.



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